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## **Celebrate Earth Day at Pohakuloa**

**POHAKULOA TRAINING AREA, Hawaii** – A virtual lava tube tour and a chance to see one of Hawaii's few spined native plants are two of the many highlights at this year's U.S. Army Garrison-Pohakuloa Earth Day celebration, here.

The free event will take place April 22, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., and will include hands-on activities and educational displays.

The Army's Natural Resources team will highlight the Army's management of threatened and endangered species through a number of displays, games and garden tours. During garden tours, visitors will have the opportunity to view some of the unique plants managed at PTA, such as the spiny popolo—one of Hawaii's few spined native plants. There will also be a series of talks on the biology and natural ecology of the area.

The Army's Cultural Resources team will have a variety of displays showcasing the Army's efforts to manage and preserve cultural resources. Aside from the virtual lava tube tour, visitors will also get to see the tools and technology Army archaeologists use. Visitors can also try on archaeologists' cave equipment, such as helmets, headlamps, and knee pads. Keiki can become archaeologists-in-training during a mock dig activity and a petroglyph learning experience. There will also be a talk story about the history of the Saddle Region.

Other Earth Day stations at the event will include Army Fire and Emergency Services, which will have fire equipment, vehicles and a hands-on exhibit focusing on wildland fire prevention and suppression.

This event is open to the public. Visitors must show current photo identification at the main gate. Drivers must have a current license, registration, safety inspection, and proof of insurance.

Groups of 10 or more, or individuals requesting special accommodations, should call (808) 969-2403 for assistance.